

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

**A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Editorially amend the specification.
2. Amend claims 53 and 55.
3. Thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 31-52.
4. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

**B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS**

In view of the fact that claim 31 has been allowed, including the subject matter of claim 31 in independent claim 53 renders all claims allowable.

**C. MISCELLANEOUS**

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly ted.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

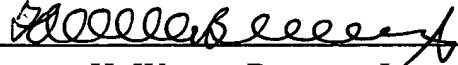
Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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